

## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Local Students to Plant Eight New Trees in West Valley City to Celebrate Arbor Day

**WHAT:** West Valley City will celebrate Arbor Day with local students planting eight new trees.

WHEN: Friday, April 27, 2012

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Maverik Center

3200 S. Decker Lake Drive

**WHO:** The media and general public are invited to attend.

WHY: Local students from Benjamin Franklin Academy, along with students from the Granite

Technical Institute's horticulture class, will plant eight new trees in celebration of Arbor Day. West Valley City Parks Maintenance staff will be on hand to assist the students.

The eight new trees will be planted at the Maverik Center along Decker Lake Drive. The trees include six Cleveland Flowering Pears, a Redpointe Maple and a Royal Raindrops

Crabapple.

West Valley City Forester Darin Nerdin will begin the Arbor Day celebration with a short presentation on the history of Arbor Day, the importance of trees and how to properly

plant a tree.

Arbor Day is celebrated annually by West Valley City and is one of four requirements for the City to maintain its Tree City USA status, a title the City has held for 17 years.

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